

## Federal Communications Commission

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FCC 442 Application for New or Modified Radio Station Authorization Under part 5 of this chapter—Experimental Radio Service (Other than Broadcast);  
FCC 490 Application for Assignment or Transfer of Control Under part 22 of this chapter;  
FCC 493 Application for Earth Station Authorization or Modification of Station License (Proposed);  
FCC 494 Application for a New or Modified Microwave Radio Station License Under part 21 of this chapter;  
FCC 494-A Certification of Completion of Construction Under part 21 of this chapter;  
FCC 503 Application for Land Radio Station License in the Maritime Services;  
FCC 506 Application for Ship Radio Station License;  
FCC 574 Application for Private Land Mobile and General Mobile Radio Services;  
FCC 574-R Application for Renewal of Radio Station License;  
FCC 601 FCC Application for Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Radio Service Authorization;  
FCC 602 FCC Ownership Disclosure Information for the Wireless Telecommunications Services;  
FCC 603 Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Application for Assignment of Authorization and Transfer of Control;  
FCC 605 Quick Form Application for Authorization in the Ship, Aircraft, Amateur, Restricted and Commercial Operator, and General Mobile Radio Services;  
FCC 608 Notification or Application for Spectrum Leasing Arrangement;  
FCC 701 Application for Additional Time to Construct a Radio Station;  
FCC 702 Application for Consent to Assignment of Radio Station Construction Permit or License;  
FCC 703 Application for Consent to Transfer Control of Corporation Holding Station License;  
FCC 704 Application for Consent to Transfer of Control of Corporation Holding Common Carrier Radio Station Construction Permit or License;  
FCC 730 Application for Registration of Equipment to be Connected to the Telephone Network;  
FCC 731 Application for Equipment Authorization;  
FCC 753 Restricted Radiotelephone Operator Permit Application;  
FCC 755 Application for Restricted Radiotelephone Operator Permit—Limited Use;  
FCC 756 Application for Commercial Radio Operator License.

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### Subpart Q—Competitive Bidding Proceedings

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#### GENERAL PROCEDURES

##### § 1.2101 Purpose.

The provisions of this subpart implement Section 309(j) of the Communications Act of 1934, as added by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (Pub. L. 103-66) and the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-33), authorizing the Commission to employ competitive bidding procedures to choose from among two or more mutually exclusive applications for certain initial licenses.

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##### § 1.2102 Eligibility of applications for competitive bidding.

(a) Mutually exclusive initial applications are subject to competitive bidding.

(b) The following types of license applications are not subject to competitive bidding procedures:

(1) Public safety radio services, including private internal radio services used by state and local governments and non-government entities and including emergency road services provided by not-for-profit organizations, that

(i) Are used to protect the safety of life, health, or property; and

(ii) Are not commercially available to the public;

(2) Initial licenses or construction permits for digital television service given to existing terrestrial broadcast licensees to replace their analog television service licenses; or

(3) Noncommercial educational and public broadcast stations described under 47 U.S.C. 397(6).

(c) Applications in the following services or classes of services are not subject to competitive bidding:

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- (1) Alaska-Private Fixed Stations (*see* 47 CFR part 80, subpart O);
- (2) Broadcast radio (AM and FM) and broadcast television (VHF, UHF, LPTV) under 47 CFR part 73;
- (3) Broadcast Auxiliary and Cable Television Relay Services (*see* 47 CFR part 74, subparts D, E, F, G, H and L and part 78, subpart B);
- (4) Instructional Television Fixed Service (*see* 47 CFR part 74, subpart I);
- (5) Maritime Support Stations (*see* 47 CFR part 80, subpart N);
- (6) Marine Operational Fixed Stations (*see* 47 CFR part 80, subpart L);
- (7) Marine Radiodetermination Stations (*see* 47 CFR part 80, subpart M);
- (8) Personal Radio Services (*see* 47 CFR part 95), except applications filed after July 26, 1993, in the Interactive Video Data Service (*see* 47 CFR part 95, subpart F);
- (9) Public Safety, Industrial/Land Transportation, General and Business Radio categories above 800 MHz, including finder's preference requests for frequencies not allocated to the SMR service (*see* 47 CFR 90.173), and including, until further notice of the Commission, the Automated Vehicle Monitoring Service (*see* 47 CFR 90.239);
- (10) Private Land Mobile Radio Services between 470–512 MHz (*see* 47 CFR part 90, subparts B–F), including those based on finder's preferences, (*see* 47 CFR 90.173);
- (11) Private Land Mobile Radio Services below 470 MHz (*see* 47 CFR part 90, subparts B–F) except in the 220 MHz band (*see* 47 CFR part 90, subpart T), including those based on finder's preferences (*see* 47 CFR § 90.173); and
- (12) Private Operational Fixed Services (*see* 47 CFR part 94).

NOTE TO § 1.2102: To determine the rules that apply to competitive bidding, specific service rules should also be consulted.

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### § 1.2103 Competitive bidding design options.

(a) The Commission will choose from one or more of the following types of auction designs for services or classes of services subject to competitive bidding:

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- (1) Simultaneous multiple-round auctions (using remote or on-site electronic bidding);
- (2) Sequential multiple round auctions (using either oral ascending or remote and/or on-site electronic bidding);
- (3) Sequential or simultaneous single-round auctions (using either sealed paper or remote and/or on-site electronic bidding); and
- (4) Combinatorial (package) bidding auctions.

(b) The Commission may use combinatorial bidding, which would allow bidders to submit all or nothing bids on combinations of licenses or authorizations, in addition to bids on individual licenses or authorizations. The Commission may require that to be declared the high bid, a combinatorial bid must exceed the sum of the individual bids by a specified amount. Combinatorial bidding may be used with any type of auction. The Commission may also allow bidders to submit contingent bids on individual and/or combinations of licenses.

(c) The Commission may use single combined auctions, which combine bidding for two or more substitutable licenses and award licenses to the highest bidders until the available licenses are exhausted. This technique may be used in conjunction with any type of auction.

(d) The Commission may use real time bidding in all electronic auction designs.

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### § 1.2104 Competitive bidding mechanisms.

(a) *Sequencing.* The Commission will establish the sequence in which multiple licenses will be auctioned.

(b) *Grouping.* In the event the Commission uses either a simultaneous multiple round competitive bidding design or combinatorial bidding, the Commission will determine which licenses will be auctioned simultaneously or in combination.

(c) *Reservation Price.* The Commission may establish a reservation price, either disclosed or undisclosed, below which a license subject to auction will not be awarded.